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Please find below a communication from the EXAMINER in charge of this application.

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OFFICE LETTER

The amendment filed 8/10/98 proposes an amendment to claim 21 that does not comply with 37 CFR 1.121(b), which sets forth the manner of making amendments in reissue applications. Specifically, for any change to a new claim (i.e., a claim not found in the patent, that was previously presented in the reissue application) must be done by presenting the amended "new" claim containing the amendatory material, and then completely underlining the claim. See MPEP page 1400-40 (July 1998). A supplemental paper correctly amending the reissue application is required.

A shortened statutory period for reply to this letter is set to expire ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this letter.

Additionally, Applicant is reminded that under 35USC 251 a supplemental oath/declaration is required with the aforementioned amendment. See MPEP page 1400-15 (July 1998).

Any inquiry to any specific features of this communication from the examiner should be directed to A. Falik whose telephone number is (703) 308-1283.


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